

At Edinburgh the 27th of February, 1656.

By the JUDGES of his Highness Court of *EXCHEQUER*
In SCOTLAND.

Forsomuch as by the severall Lawes and Acts of Parliament in this Nation, All Feuars, Heritors, Possessors of any part or portion of the Revenues thereof, aswell of the annexed property, and all and whatsoever Feued-Lands, As of all Benefices, Bishopricks, Abacies, Priories, Probostries, Teinds, Parsonages, Vicarages, Alterages, Deanries, Chaplanries, and others; Have, for the better clearing of, and making up a true and perfect Rental of the same, been ordained to exhibit and produce before the Lords, and others of Exchequer, and other Commissioners appointed for that effect, Their whole original Infeftments, Rights, Tacks, Titles, and other Securities made to them, Whereby they claim Right or Title thereto, Together with the Rentals of the said Bishopricks, and others aforesaid, or any other Right or Security made to them, their Authors, by the which they possess the same; To the effect, that the said Lords of Exchequer, and others appointed Commissioners for that purpose, might take Inspection thereof, and cause their Clerk take a Minute of the nature of the same, and Clauses therein contained, and to insert and registrate the same in their Books; With certification, if they fail therein, they should forfeit, admit and tyne all pretended Infeftments, or other Right and Title they have, or may pretend to have, to any Lands whatsoever, that they have holden, or pretends to hold, either in Property or Superiority; Which their pretended Infeftments and Titles thereof, in case of faylie foresaid, were declared by Act of Parliament to be null and of none avail, force nor effect in themselves; And that the Nullity thereof should be admitted and received in all Judgments by way of exception or reply, without any Process, Action or Declarator of Reduction to be given thereupon, as the Acts of Parliament by King James the first, Parliament first, Act 9. And by King James the sixth, Parliament 12. Act 131. Parliament 15. Acts 245, and 262. and other Acts made thereanent at more length bears. And considering, that now by the great distractions and disturbances in this Nation, many of the Registers, Rentals and Rolls of the said Revenue are lost, at least for the present cannot be found, whereby a true and perfect Rental, and the condition of the said Revenue cannot be known: The saids Judges finding it a necessary duty to prosecute the Commission and Trust imposed upon them, to search for and assay all possible means for clearing of, and making up a true and perfect Rental of the said Revenue, And for giving them true Information of the condition thereof, They do finde no way so much conduceable to the effectuating of the same, then to follow and prosecute forth such Rules as hath been formerly intended and ordained by the Acts of Parliament above-specified: In consideration whereof, and in prosecution of the same, the saids Judges do hereby require all and whatsoever Vassals, Feuars, Heritors, Possessors, or any others pretending right to any part or portion of the foresaid Revenue, aswel Property as Casualty, Benefices, Bishopricks, Abaycies, Priories, and others above-mentioned, To exhibit and produce before them, or to their Clerk, in manner under-written, all and whatsoever those original Infeftments, Rights and Titles, or other Evidences whereby they possess any of the foresaid Lands and Benefices granted to them, with all and whatsoever Grants, Gifts, and Conversions made and granted by the late King James or Charles, whereby the Rent of the foresaid Land, or any part or parcel thereof are any wayes burdened, converted, altered, or diminished; To the effect, that after Inspection thereof, a perfect Rental of the same and particular Clauses therein contained, may be recorded, conform to the foresaid Acts of Parliament. And to the effect the same may be effectually done, and that the persons, aforesaid, therein concerned, may have time for exhibiting and producing thereof, The saids Commissioners and Judges above-written, have Ordained, and hereby Ordains, all the aforesaid persons on this side of the River of Tay, to produce in manner foresaid, betwixt and the first day of April next to come; And those beyond the River of Tay, on this side of the River of Spay, betwixt and the first day of May next thereafter; And those beyond the said River of Spay, betwixt and the first day of June next thereafter also: With certification, if any of them shall failly therein, The said Judges will take such course thereanent for their contempt and disobedience as they shall conceive most suitable therewith, and agreeable to the Lawes of this Nation. And Ordains these Presents to be Printed and Published at the Mercat-Cross of Edinburgh, and head Burghs of every Shire within this Nation, And at all other Places needful and requisite for the publick intimation thereof.

Extracted forth of Records of the Court of Exchequer,

By me, W. PURVIS, Cl.